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For: NOVEL COMPOSITION AND TREATMENT AGENT

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 7, 2003, the due date having been extended one month to June 7, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28 and 33 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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23. (Four times amended) A method for imparting water and oil repellency to a substrate comprising applying on said substrate the water and oil repellent of claim 17 by spraying, coating or dipping.